Ottawa, Army to Assume Civil Defence Costs, Jobs

OTTAWA (CP)—The federal government will bear 75 instead of 50 per cent of provincial and local costs of approved civil defence projects, Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced Monday.

He also said the government proposes that the army take responsibility for some technical civil defence functions now carried out by federal, provincial and municipal civil defence organizations.

NEW TASKS

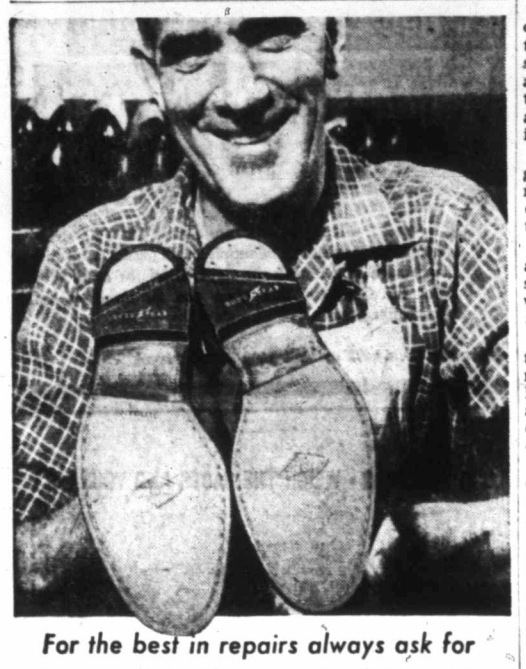
These functions would include warning of attack, location and monitoring of explosions and radioactive fallout, assessment of damage, decontamination and clearing of affected areas and rescue of injured.

The prime minister said the government's proposals will not be implemented until discussions have been held with the provinces.

New plan would not have any great impact on federal spending. Total for 1959-60 would be $7,220,817, about the same as 1958-59.

Mr. Diefenbaker said that in the intense early phase of a nuclear war such jobs "are likely to be more important and urgent than other tasks on which the army could be engaged."

"Civil defence can serve a deterrent purpose by demonstrating to a potential aggressor that Canada is determined to survive even a nuclear war and to carry on as an organized society and united nation in the face of the utmost perils and hardships."



Pre-Columbus

These pieces of statuary were fashioned in North America long before the arrival of Columbus. The smiling head, top, was found near Vera Cruz, Mexico, and is an example of Totonac culture. The 17-inch idol is also a Totonac antique and is among primitive American art treasures on display in New York.

Take Commonwealth Cue on China—Winch

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada would recognize Communist China tomorrow if the United States gave the word, Harold Winch (CCF, Vancouver East) said Monday night.

However, Canada should take its cue from the Commonwealth on the matter rather than from the U.S., he told the Commons in introducing a resolution urging the government to consider the advisibility of recognizing the Peiping regime.

Five of the 10 members of the Commonwealth had given such recognition and so had four in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization — essentially an anti-Communist organization.

As a peace-loving country, Canada now should take the same step of formal recognition and "hand in hand" go on to the expanded trade which Canada needed badly.

It was time for Canada to stop being a U.S. satellite; time for Canada to stand on her own feet.

Mr. Winch's resolution was "talked out" without a vote.

Mr. Winch said the Communists were definitely wrong in expecting the whole world to go communist.

"But if we are to be realistic," he said, "then I feel sure we have to give up some of our own vain hopes . . . If we believe in what we say about freedom and tolerance, we shall have to stop insisting that eastern nations conform in all particulars to the western pattern or submit to what I might term western tutelage . . .

"By what logic does it follow that we should close our eyes to the facts of Chinese progress or refuse to shake hands with other people because of a differing political belief?"

Letters Flood City Youth

Friends of David Harvey, 19, the former Victoria College student, have been "just wonderful" and are flooding him with letters and cards since his recent brain operation at Crease Clinic.

"He is feelig good and very chipper," said his mother, Mrs. Ted Harvey, 1817 Quadra, last night.

She said he came out of his four-day coma Sunday morning and asked to read his letters and some magazines.

The operation Wednesday was his third since he received a head injury six years ago that affected his temperament and resulted in his leaving school.

"His friends have rallied around him just wonderfully. Some are even planning a visit this weekend," his mother said.

Sommers Case Appeal Delayed

VANCOUVER (CP) — Appeal of Robert Sommers and H. Wilson Gray against five-year sentences for bribery and conspiracy was postponed yesterday until after an appeal against conviction is decided by the Supreme Court of Canada.

Closer Scrutiny Ahead For Radio Stations

TORONTO (CP) — Dr. Andrew Stewart, chairman of the Board of Broadcast Governors, said Monday the board soon will propose renewal of broadcasting licences of some stations for as short a period as one year.

He told the Canadian Association of Broadcasters this would be done to stagger renewal dates, so that a roughly equal number will come up each year.

Dr. Stewart said in his keynote address at the association's annual meeting the board will recommend to the transport department that renewals—which until now have been for five years—be for periods ranging from one to five years. He said the board believes licence renewals must not be considered to be automatic, but recognizes that there must be assurance of continuity. He added:

"It is not, therefore, the intention of the board to hold over stations any continuous threat of cancellation of licences. However, if the board is to perform its functions properly it must have an opportunity to review the performance of stations before making recommendations for renewal of licences."

Missing Girl Found Murdered

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Nine-year-old Candy Rogers was found dead in the woods under a pile of pine needles Sunday, raped and strangled with a piece of her own slip.

Another piece of cloth torn from the slip had been used to tie her legs together. An autopsy showed she had been criminally assaulted and had been dead for two weeks.

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